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What is claimed is:

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1. A system for selecting and simultaneously displaying a plurality of digitally stored objects, comprising:

5 means for selecting a plurality of digitally stored objects each having at least one dynamically linked associated destination object; and

means for retrieving the at least one dynamically linked destination object associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects from a storage medium and then simultaneously displaying the retrieved destination objects for viewing.

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2. The system according to Claim 1, further comprising means for providing a two-dimensional array of graphical thumbnails of the digitally stored objects.

3. The system according to Claim 2, wherein the graphical thumbnails in the two-dimensional array can be selectively scrolled at any one of the plurality of speeds and can be selectively stopped from scrolling.

4. The system according to Claim 2, wherein the graphical thumbnails in the two-dimensional array can be selectively scrolled vertically.

5. The system according to Claim 2, wherein the graphical thumbnails in the two-dimensional array can be selectively scrolled horizontally.

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6. The system according to Claim 2, wherein the two-dimensional array of graphical thumbnails have a selectively adjustable number of columns and rows.

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7. The system according to Claim 1, further comprising means for sub-framing information associated with the selected plurality of digitally stored data objects.

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8. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the sub-framing means include a horizontal dynamic scroll bar and a vertical dynamic scroll bar that allow an orderly arrangement and presentation of textural information.

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9. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the selection means include a different check box associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and the retrieval means include a submit button, each one of the plurality of digitally stored and presented objects being selected one at a time by using a computer input device to select a different check box such that a check appears in the check box, the submit button being invoked using the computer input device to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated destination objects.

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10. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the selection means include a different check box associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and the retrieval means includes a "go" button, each one of the plurality of digitally stored and presented objects being selected one at a time by using a computer input device to select a

different check box such that a check appears in the check box, the "go" button is then invoked using the computer input device to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated destination objects.

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5 11. The system according to Claim 1, wherein single clicking on the selected check box de-selects the link so that the check box reverts to being unchecked indicating that the associated destination object is un-selected.

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12. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the selection means are employed and the retrieval means are invoked using a computer mouse having a button, the plurality of digitally stored objects being selected one at a time by pointing to a different link-token associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and single clicking the computer mouse button, and then after all of the plurality of digitally stored objects have been selected, double clicking the computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated destination objects.

13. The system according to Claim 12, wherein each one of the different associated link-tokens is a first color and each time one of the plurality of digitally stored objects is selected by single clicking the computer mouse button, the first color changes to a second color to indicate the selection of the digitally stored object.

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14. The system according to Claim 13, wherein each one of the selected links changes to a third color when a browser returns to the list of the plurality of digitally

stored objects from the retrieved and simultaneously displayed associated destination objects.

15. The system according to Claim 13, wherein single clicking on the selected link de-selects the link so that the link reverts to the first color indicating the de-selection of the link.

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10 16. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the selection means are employed and the retrieval means are invoked using a computer mouse having a first button and a second button, the plurality of digitally stored objects being selected one at a time by pointing to a different link-token associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and clicking the first computer mouse button while holding down the second computer mouse button, and then after all of the plurality of digitally stored objects have been selected, clicking the first computer mouse button without
15 holding the second computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated destination objects.

20 17. The system according to Claim 16, wherein each one of the associated link tokens is a first color and each time one of the plurality of digitally stored objects is selected by clicking a computer mouse button, the first color changes to a second color to indicate the selection of the digitally stored object.

18. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the selection means are employed and the retrieval means are invoked using a computer mouse having a first button and a second button, the plurality of digitally stored objects being selected one at a time by pointing to a different link-token associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and clicking the first computer mouse button, and then after all of the plurality of digitally stored objects have been selected, clicking the second computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated destination objects.

19. The system according to Claim 18, wherein a first one of the retrieved associated destination objects simultaneously displayed for viewing is made larger than the other simultaneously displayed destination objects by using a computer input device to invoke the first destination object.

20. The system according to Claim 18, wherein when the computer input device is used to invoke a second one of the retrieved associated destination objects simultaneously displayed for viewing, the first destination object returns to the same smaller size of the other simultaneously displayed destination objects and the second destination object is made larger than the other simultaneously displayed destination objects.

21. The system according to Claim 18, wherein each one of the different associated link-tokens is a first color and each time one of the plurality of digitally stored objects is selected using a computer input device, the first color changes to a second color

to indicate the selection of the digitally stored object, and wherein each one of the selected links changes to a third color when a browser returns to the list of the plurality of digitally stored objects from the retrieved and simultaneously displayed associated destination objects.

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22. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the system is used on a personal computer.

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23. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the system is used on a computer network.

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24. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the system is used on a CD-ROM.

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25. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the system is used on a wireless device.

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26. The system according to Claim 1, wherein the system is implemented using software.

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27. A method for selecting and simultaneously displaying a plurality of digitally stored objects, comprising the steps of:

selecting a plurality of digitally stored objects from a two dimensional array of digitally stored objects, wherein each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects has at least one dynamically linked associated destination object;

retrieving the at least one dynamically linked destination object associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects; and

simultaneously displaying each one of the retrieved associated destination objects.

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28. The method according to Claim 27, wherein a different check box is associated with each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects, each one of the plurality of digitally stored objects being selected one at a time by using a computer input device to invoke a different check box such that a check appears in the check box, and a submit button then being invoked using the input device to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated destination objects.

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29. The method according to Claim 27, wherein a computer mouse having a button is used to select the plurality of digitally stored objects and to retrieve the associated destination objects, the plurality of digitally stored objects being selected one at a time by using the computer mouse to point to a different token link associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and single clicking the computer mouse button, and then after all of the digitally stored objects have been selected, double clicking the computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated objects.

30. The method according to Claim 27, wherein a computer mouse having a first button and a second button is used to select the plurality of digitally stored objects and to retrieve the associated destination objects, the plurality of digitally stored objects being selected one at a time by pointing to a different token link associated with each different one of the plurality of digitally stored objects and clicking the first computer mouse button while holding down the second computer mouse button, and then after all of the digitally stored objects have been selected, clicking the first computer mouse button without holding the second computer mouse button to retrieve and simultaneously display the associated objects.

31. The method according to Claim 27, wherein primarily textual content associated with each one of the retrieved associated objects is intelligently sub-framed.